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Committee Bill No. 5890

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF "VETERAN" TO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) As used in the general statutes, except chapter 504, and except as
5 otherwise provided: (1) "Armed forces" means the United States Army,
6 Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; (2) "veteran" means
7 any person honorably discharged from, or released under honorable
8 conditions from active service in, the armed forces, and includes any
9 such person who served in the Connecticut National Guard on or after
10 September 11, 2001; (3) "service in time of war" means service of ninety
11 or more days except, if the war, campaign or other operation lasted
12 less than ninety days, "service in time of war" means service for the
13 entire duration of the war, campaign or other operation, unless
14 separated from service earlier because of a service-connected disability
15 rated by the Veterans' Administration, during a "period of war", as
16 defined in 38 USC 101, as amended, except that the "Vietnam Era"

17 means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on July
 18 1, 1975, in all cases; and "period of war" shall include service while
 19 engaged in combat or a combat support role in Lebanon, July 1, 1958,
 20 to November 1, 1958, or September 29, 1982, to March 30, 1984;
 21 Grenada, October 25, 1983, to December 15, 1983; Operation Earnest
 22 Will, involving the escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the United
 23 States flag in the Persian Gulf, February 1, 1987, to July 23, 1987; and
 24 Panama, December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990, and shall include
 25 service during such periods with the armed forces of any government
 26 associated with the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	27-103(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To include in the definition of "veteran", members of the state National Guard, since they provided homeland security service under federal law after September 11, 2001.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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